

**Health Information Technology Commission**  
**Minutes**

**Date:** Thursday October 18, 2012  
1:00pm – 4:00pm

**Location:** MDCH  
1st floor Capital View Bldg  
Conference Room B&C  
201 Townsend Street  
Lansing, Michigan 48913

**Commissioners Present:**

Greg Forzley, M.D. – Chair, Phone  
Michael Chrissos-Phone  
Dennis Swan  
Mark Notman, Ph.D.  
Larry Wagenknecht, R.Ph.  
Orest Sowirka, D.O.  
David Behen  
Michael Gardner  
Robert Milewski  
Tom Lauzon-Phone

**Commissioners Absent:**

Toshiki Masaki – Vice Chair  
Nick Lyon  
**Staff:**  
Meghan Vanderstelt

**Guests:**

Dennis Smith  
Cynthia Green Edwards  
Laura Rappleye  
Paula Johnson  
Bruce Wiegand  
Darrell Dontje  
Rosalyn Beene Aarms  
Tim Pletcher  
Megan Petzko-Sweet  
Suzina Orelli  
Kristi Brown

Chris Buskulic  
Tina Scott  
Philip Vigas  
James Gartung  
May Alkhafaj  
Joel Wallace  
Tom Shewchuk  
Cindy Buege  
Deb Mosher  
Michelle Maitland  
Doug Dietzman

Jason Werner  
Kristy Tomasko  
Janice Bach  
Paull Groll  
Samer Naser  
Terrisca DesJardins  
John Hazewinkel  
Dennis Olmstead  
Kim Bachelder  
Melissa Moorehead

**Minutes:** The regular monthly meeting of the Michigan Health Information Technology Commission was held on Thursday, October 18, 2012 at the Michigan Department of Community Health with ten Commissioners present.

#### **A. Welcome & Introductions**

1. Mark Notman, Ph.D., acting Chair for today's meeting, welcomed the HIT members and asked for each for a brief introduction.

#### **B. Review and Approval of 10-18-12 meeting minutes**

1. Minutes of the 10-18-12 meeting were approved and will be posted to the HIT Commission (HITC) website following the meeting.

#### **C. Commission Update**

1. The Commission discussed the article in the October 8, 2012 edition of Crain's Detroit Business titled Data Disconnect, by Jay Greene. The Commission felt that the title did not reflect the contents of the article. The HITC also felt that it is hard to compare Michigan to other states that are not similar in HIE infrastructure. Michigan is still in the key building blocks stage of laying the foundation for HIE. When the foundation is complete, Michigan will be able to transition to integrating business cases that will reflect a positive increase of data flow.
  - a. The HITC opened the floor to public discussion regarding the article. GLHIE commented that the article was shallow and poorly articulated. GLHIE said all sub-state HIEs are working together in Michigan. MiHIN commented that the quotes within the article were taken out of context. MiHIN also said the article did not include Michigan's mission or the importance of standards for HIE and that Michigan is certainly not behind other states. MHC commented that infrastructure is key prior to data sharing.

#### **D. Dashboard for MI HIT Initiatives**

1. **Updated Dashboard:** Meghan Vanderstelt gave an overview of changes made to the MI HIT Dashboard based on the updates provided by the organizations within the Dashboard. Vanderstelt also explained that she plans on working with all the groups on the dashboard for new metrics in 2013.
2. **Discussion:** The HIT Commission is interested in the Midwest Community College next phases as it relates to job placement. What barriers do these graduate students encounter and what type of jobs are they qualified for?
  - **Task:** To reformat the HIT Dashboard for 2013 → **On-going**
    - i. Meghan Vanderstelt is addressing and will bring ideas back to HITC.
    - ii. Discuss barriers and employment for Midwest Community College graduates.
  - **Task:** Dennis Swan would like more information on the individual sub-state HIEs, specifically UPHIE → **Completed**
    - i. UPHIE presented during 10-18-2012 meeting and Vanderstelt plans on inviting other sub-state HIEs to present at future meetings.

## **E. UP HIE Presentation**

- 1. Progress and Forecast of Activity:** Paula Johnson from UP HIE gave a presentation on past and present activity. UP HIE has successfully reached the following milestones: Approved for production as a sub-state HIE with MiHIN, implemented first facility with AST, Lab, Radiology and immunization records, submitted production immunizations to MCIR. Johnson reported that UP HIE is currently working on a Direct Messaging Hub, Behavioral health information exchange, push notifications, payer and provider alerts and a community-wide virtual health record.
- 2. Discussion of Commission Input:** The HIT Commission asked Johnson if they are focusing attention on data exchange throughout Michigan, bordering states and Canada. Johnson replied that standards are important to data exchange and as of now, they can exchange data through Direct, since this is the only transport standard that is commonly used at this time.
- 3. Public Comment Program Specific:** No public comment.

## **F. Commission Schedule and Draft 2013 Work Plan**

- 1. Draft 2012 Annual Report Review:** Meghan Vanderstelt described the first draft version of the 2012 Annual Report and asked HITC to send feedback. HITC asked Vanderstelt to stress the importance of adding members to the HITC, specifically in the fields of home care nursing, mental health, and long term care. The HITC also asked Vanderstelt to emphasize the importance of advancing data exchange, interoperability and cyber liability in 2013.
  - **Task:** Define HIT Commission recommendations and important HIT activities in Michigan for the 2012 annual report and send to Meghan Vanderstelt → **On-going**
- 2. Draft 2013 Work Plan Review:** Vanderstelt presented a draft of the first quarter of 2013 Work Plan. Vanderstelt suggested that the HITC plan on a quarterly basis in order to keep future agendas free for current HIE issues and activities. The HITC agreed to the new 2013 Draft plan, but would like to discuss having an entire 2013 work plan showing placeholders for topics and possible presentations. The HITC also asked Vanderstelt to look into having a closed meeting before the end of the year to review 2013 planning in more detail and possibly invite sub-state HIEs to discuss activities in more detail.
  - **Task:** 2013 planning:
    - How does the Commission define success of HIT initiatives in 2013? Establish a benchmark for the State of Michigan HIT progress versus the national level and other states
    - Define and communicate 2013 dashboard expectations
    - Define and communicate expectations to all the individual HIT initiatives in Michigan through sub groups or individual meetings
    - Gather ideas on how to open the HIT meetings to a broader audience
    - Focus on the statewide Master Person/Patient Index (MPI)
    - Explore possibility of adding members from different health fields to broaden HIT scope

- **Task:** Look into a closed meeting before the end of the year for 2013 planning → Vanderstelt

#### **G. Southeast Michigan Beacon**

- 4. Progress and Forecast of Activity:** Terrisca DesJardins provided the update for SEMBC. DesJardins reported on current activities which includes HIE implementation, QO progress with MiHIN, patient engagement through SEMBC's patient health navigator and text for health campaign. DesJardins also shared the intent of an evaluation in partnership with Wayne County. SEMBC will share the results with the HITC when it is complete.
- 5. Discussion of Commission Input:** The HIT Commission inquired about SEMBC's sustainability and the length of the ONC grant. DesJardins replied that the ONC grant should end around March 2013, but due to the burn rate, the end date may be extended. The SEMBC team is in the process of building a business plan.
- 6. Public Comment Program Specific:** No public comment.

#### **H. MiHIN Shared Services Update**

- 7. Progress and Forecast of Activity:** Tim Pletcher, the Executive Director of the MiHIN Shared Services began with an update of MiHIN's progress. Pletcher suggested new metrics in response to HITC's September meeting and asked the HITC for input on privacy and security. Pletcher also stressed the importance of standards, but noted the utilization of Direct.
- 8. Discussion of Commission Input:** The HIT Commission recommended that MiHIN look into long term care
  - **Task:** HIT Commission will investigate patient facing services and security for further discussion → Added to 2013 meeting ideas.
  - **Task:** HIT Commission will investigate gap between vendor and provider needs → Added to 2013 meeting ideas.
  - **Task:** HIT Commission will investigate gap between providers and sub-state HIEs and the incentives driving the two parties in different directions. → Added to 2013 meeting ideas.
  - **Task:** Look into Privacy and consent and offer advice and recommendations to MiHIN on this subject → Added to 2013 meeting ideas.
- 9. Public Comment Program Specific:** No public comment.

#### **I. Public Comment**

1. No Public Comment Provided

#### **J. Adjourn**

1. Meeting Adjourned at 3:10 p.m.